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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**GREENE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS
FOR POSSESSING UNREGISTERED FIREARM**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARK E. GREEN, 49, Linton, Indiana, was sentenced to 57 months in prison by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possession of an unregistered firearm. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Linton Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

Armed with a federal search warrant, BATF and Linton Police officers searched the residence of Mark E. GREEN on March 16, 2005. They also searched a rental property that was owned by GREEN and, at the time of the search, unoccupied. The last tenant was

interviewed and did not leave the firearms behind. Between the two properties, investigators seized 23 firearms and more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition. One of those firearms bore a latent fingerprint that an Indiana State Police examiner matched to GREEN. Under GREEN's bed in his primary residence, investigators discovered an unregistered rifle with a 9" (16" legal minimum) barrel and an overall length of 16" (26" legal minimum). GREEN has a previous 1996 state conviction out of Greene County for Dealing in a Sawed-Off Shotgun, a Class D Felony.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney directed this sentence to be served concurrently with a state sentence for possession of methamphetamine and imposed three years supervised release upon GREEN following completion of his prison sentence. GREEN also forfeited 23 firearms and more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

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